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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Hugh Semple MUNRO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3761  
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Application No.: 10/507,322 ) Examiner: Unknown  
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Filed: June 21, 2005 )  
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For: ABSORBENT HYDROGELS )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF ACCOUNTING**

In reviewing our files, we have noticed some accounting mistakes. Mr. Jay Stelacone filed the present application on September 10, 2004, with a Preliminary Amendment presenting a total of 45 claims, 10 of which are independent. The total filing fees should have been calculated as follows:

The International Search Report was prepared by the EPO.	\$920.00
Extra Claims Fees (25 x \$18) + (7 x \$86) = \$450 + \$602 =	<u>\$1052.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1972.00</b>

Mr. Stelacone did not pay for any filing fees at the time of filing and did not request that these fees be charged to our deposit account. Moreover, Mr. Stelacone did not indicate that the applicants were entitled to small entity status. A copy of the Application Transmittal is attached hereto.

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On January 21, 2005, our Deposit Account was *impermissibly* charged the following fees:

2613 (We presume Search Report prepared by EPO)	\$460.00
2615 Claims over 20	\$225.00
2614 Independent claims over 3	<u>\$301.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$986.00</b>

As can be seen, the PTO charged the Deposit Account the small entity fees for the filing fees. A copy of our Deposit Account statement is attached hereto.

Moreover, on January 24, 2005, we received a Notification of Missing Requirements indicating that the Applicants were entitled to Small Entity Status, that U.S. Basic National Fees filed on September 10, 2004, had been received, and requesting payment of \$65.00 for a late oath or declaration surcharge. All of these statements are in error. A copy of Notification is attached hereto.

At no time have the Applicants indicated that they are entitled to small entity status. Moreover, as discussed above, the filing fees were not paid on September 10, 2004, but were impermissibly charged to our Deposit Account on January 21, 2005. Because, the Applicants are not entitled to small entity status, the surcharge for the late Declaration should have been \$130.00.

On June 21, 2005, Mr. Brian Burn filed a Response to the Notification requesting correction of the small entity status and providing the Declaration. Mr. Burn also provided a check in the amount of \$680.00 (\$130.00 Late Declaration Surcharge Fee, \$510 Petition for Extension of Time, and \$40 Assignment Recordation Fee). Mr. Burn inadvertently paid the small entity fee of \$510 for a three-month extension of time instead of the correct fee of \$1020.00. A copy of the Transmittal is attached hereto.

Further compounding the accounting problem, the PTO credited our Deposit Account \$65.00 on March 17, 2006. A copy of this Deposit Account Statement is attached hereto.

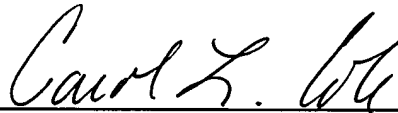
In order to resolve this issue, we believe that fees totaling \$1,561.00 (\$986.00 for the remainder of the large entity filing fees, \$510 for the remainder of the large entity extension of time fee, and \$65 credit for the large entity late Declaration surcharge) are due to the USPTO. A check for this amount is enclosed.

Again, we reiterate that Applicants are not entitled to small entity status and immediate correction is requested.

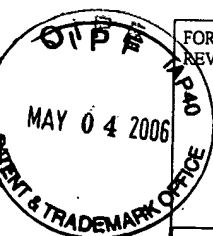
Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

By:



Carol L. Cole  
Reg. No. 43,555



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

CUSTOMER NO. 39,878  
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U.S. APPLICATION NO.  
(If known, see 37CFR1.5)

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/GB03/01014

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

11 March 2003

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

11 March 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION

Absorbent Hydrogels

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

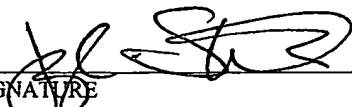
Hugh Semple Munro; Richard Hoskins; Susana Sainz Garcia; Helen Poyner

Applicant(s) herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A Substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
20. ☐ Other items or information:
  - a. ☐ Copy of cover page of International Publication No.
  - b. ☐ Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements.
  - c. ☐

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37CFR 1.5)		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/GB03/01014		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 0021.0002	
21. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):</b>  Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$1080.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$920.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$770.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$730.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4) ..... \$100.00  <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">920.00</div>				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
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Independent Claims	10	- 3 =	7	x \$86.00	\$602.00
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TOTAL OF THE ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$2132.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
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SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Brian M. Burn, Esq. Min, Hsieh & Hack LLP c/o FoundationIP P.O. Box 52050 Minneapolis, MN 55402					
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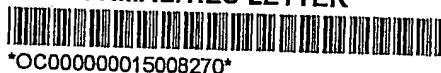
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/10/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/10/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/10/2004
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/10/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/10/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 09/10/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

PAULETTE R KIDWELL

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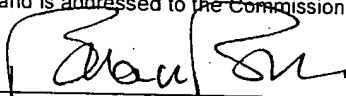
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IA Filed: March 11, 2003  
Title: Absorbent Hydrogels  
Inventor: Hugh MUNRO et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Receiving Office in connection with the above U.S. national stage patent application.

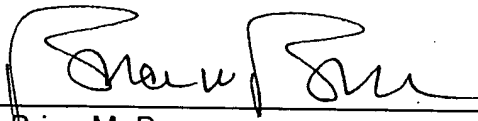
1. Response to Notification of Missing Requirements (2 pages)
2. Copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements (2 pages)
3. Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time (1 page)
4. Request for Correction of Entity Status (1 page)

5. Declaration/Power of Attorney (3 pages)
6. Assignment Document and Assignment Recordation Form Coversheet (3 pages)
7. Check No. 2496 in the amount of \$680 (\$130 Late Declaration Surcharge Fee, \$510 Petition for Extension of Time Fee, and \$40 Assignment Recordation Fee).

Please direct all telephone calls to Applicant's undersigned counsel at 703.917.0000, Ext. 107.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 50-2961.

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
Brian M. Burn  
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